

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Dec. 3, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Reduced holiday gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving ground for the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Wednesday, Nov. 26 the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will close at 8 p.m.

The Harford Gate and the Wise Road Gate will reopen at 4 a.m., Monday, Dec. 1.

The Maryland Gate in the Aberdeen Area and the Magnolia Road Gate (Route 152) in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday weekend.

Send mail to wounded Soldiers

The American Red Cross will allow the public to send holiday greeting cards that aren't addressed to a particular Soldier. The cards will be screened, sorted and distributed to military hospitals and bases nationally and overseas in time for the holidays.

The public can send their greeting cards, with adequate postage and a return address to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456.

To speed delivery, mailers should not send care packages, money or any inserts, including glitter. Send cards through Dec. 10.

Cards can also be downloaded from the American Red Cross Web site to print out and send to the program's address.

For more information, visit <http://www.red-cross.org/email/saf>.

KUSAHC closes for the holidays

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday and on Nov. 28 for a training holiday and will reopen Dec. 1.

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Army promotes first woman to four-star general

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Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody became the first female four-star general in the U.S. armed forces at a promotion ceremony Nov. 14 in the Pentagon.

"History will no doubt take note of [Dunwoody's] achievement in breaking through this final 'brass ceiling' to pin on this fourth star," Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates said during opening remarks. "But she would rather be known and remembered first and foremost as a U.S. Army Soldier."

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, hosted the ceremony, praising Dunwoody as a "premiere logistician."

He thanked her for her dedicated service to the Army, and wished her well.

"What's happening here today is something our Army can celebrate and take pride in," Gen. Casey said of her achievement.

Gen. Casey and Dunwoody's husband, Craig



Photo by NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS MOLLY A BURGESS

Making history, the nation's first four-star female officer Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody smiles during her promotion to general, where she was pinned by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey, left, and her husband, Craig Brochie, during a ceremony at the Pentagon, Nov. 14.

Brochie, pinned on her new rank amidst applause and an enthusiastic "hoo-ah" from the audience.

The promotion ceremony in the Pentagon auditorium was packed with well-wishers, friends and Family.

"We invited everyone but the fire marshal," Gates

said to the standing-room-only crowd.

"Well, thank you," Dunwoody said with a smile after being promoted. "I wish I could begin to describe the incredible feelings of gratitude, humility and love that are absolutely consuming me at this very moment. But

it's impossible."

Dunwoody said she feels fortunate to have lived a life of firsts, and believes the promotion is "as overwhelming as it is humbling."

Dunwoody was the first woman to hold the deputy chief of staff position for the Army G-4 (Logistics),

More focus needed on PII and FOUO awareness

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APG News

Due to findings of a lack of community awareness on Personally Identifiable Information, or PII, and For Official Use Only, or FOUO, the Directorate of Information Management is encouraging

Aberdeen Proving Ground employees to increase efforts to familiarize themselves with these two important communication safeguards.

According to Alice Surette, information assurance security officer, an informed user populace is a major requirement of the

certification/accreditation process.

"We must correct these findings before we can receive a full Authority to Operate the APG Installation Campus Area Network," Surette said.

She said a campaign underway to educate the APG community includes

the distribution of flyers detailing the elements of protecting PII and the usage of FOUO.

PII

"For the military it must be clear that PII is a force protection issue that is a commander's and individual's responsibility to protect," Surette said. "Loss

where she was responsible for ensuring Warfighters had the necessary supplies and services and that logisticians had the tools and equipment necessary to deliver those supplies and services to Soldiers around the world.

As the commander of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., from 2002 to 2004, Dunwoody supported the largest deployment and redeployment of U.S. forces since World War II.

She has also commanded the 407th Supply and Transportation Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; the 10th Mountain Division Support Command, Fort Drum, N.Y.; and the 1st Corps Support Command at Fort Bragg. She deployed during the first Gulf War with 82nd as the Division Parachute Officer from September 1990 to March 1991.

Dunwoody received a direct commission as a second lieutenant after

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Community celebrates a time of giving with Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon

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Members of the community celebrated the conclusion of Thanksgiving fundraising efforts by installation senior noncommissioned officers and took in a message from the spiritual leader of the Maryland National Guard during the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon held at Top of the Bay Nov. 14.

During the program a gift of monetary vouchers, the result of designated offerings by chapel congregations for APG Families, was presented to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez by Sgt. 1st Class Irether Gaines, noncommissioned officer in charge, garrison and installation chapels.

"On behalf of the one-hundred and fifty Families we'll be helping this year, I want to thank the post community for coming together to help these Families in a time of need," Rodriguez said.

Garrison and installation Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon Jr. hosted the program that included a Thanksgiving message from Chaplain (Col.) William Lee, MDNG.

"Through your contributions we are able to continue with these programs," Colon said. "Thank you for your support."

With the theme, "A Turkey's Perspective on Thanksgiving," Lee talked about how turkey became the traditional meal for the holiday. He compared the annual death of thousands of the birds for Thanksgiving meals to the Bible's Job in which God allows the devil to test the faith of Job, allowing him to take anything but his life.

"Bad things happen to good people for no apparent reason, and this is the same for the turkey," he said. "The infamous turkey of Thanksgiving is misunderstood. Our nation's mascot is the bald eagle but you won't find one on a Thanksgiving table."

"The turkey perspective depends on which turkey you talk to," he asserted. "Perspectives on life are sometimes motivated by fairness and justice. God owes us not one explanation in order to be God. It requires faith. Some of you are going through difficult circumstances that nobody knows about but you and God, just as Job went through terrible circumstances but never lost his faith."

"God is completely committed to us," he concluded, "whatever our contributions."

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FMWR hosts Holiday Arts and Crafts Show December 4

FMWR

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 4, at Top of the Bay. This event is free and anyone who has access to the installation can attend.

"We are taking vendors from outside the gate," said Linda Edwards, "but they have to register and obtain a gate pass the day of the event."

"The Holiday Craft Show provides a great opportunity for mem-

bers of the community to get a head start on their holiday shopping. Top of the Bay will be decorated and our staff looks forward to sharing some special treats and entertainment. Stop by for shopping, food, fun and live entertainment," Edwards said.

Vendors who want to participate can register at <http://www.apgmwr.com/Store/artscraftsvendortables.html> to secure their table for \$25.

For more information, call Top of the Bay, 410-278-3062.

Monthly premiums decrease for TRICARE Reserve Select

U.S. DoD Military Health System

Effective Jan. 1, TRICARE will reduce the rates for TRICARE Reserve Select. Monthly premiums for TRS individual coverage will drop 44 percent from \$81 to \$47.51, and TRS Family coverage will drop 29 percent from \$253 to \$180.17.

The 2009 National Defense Authorization Act, section 704, required TRICARE to analyze Reserve Select costs from 2006 and 2007 and set new rates for 2009.

"Now that TRS has been in place for several years, we were able to calculate premiums for 2009 from actual cost data obtained in earlier years," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity. "It is important to provide high quality and affordable healthcare coverage for our National Guard and Reserve Families."

Established in 2005, TRS is a premium-based health plan for National Guard and Reserve personnel available for purchase by members of the Selected Reserve who are not eligible for or enrolled in Federal Employee Health Benefit plans.

TRS provides a health plan option to members of the Selected Reserve and their Families when they are not on active duty status. The TRS plan delivers coverage similar to TRICARE Standard and Extra to eligible members who purchase the coverage and pay monthly premiums. TRS also features continuously open enrollment.

"It's an excellent health care option we are proud to offer," Granger said.

For more information about TRS, visit the TRICARE Web site, <http://www.tricare.mil>.

CFC campaign exceeds \$200,000

APG CFC Office

The 2008 Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign exceeded the \$200,000 mark with 650 donors toward the installation target goal of 3,000 donors participating.

The CFC Office would like to congratulate the Plans and Integration Office, the APG Garrison Directorate of Resource Management, the Directorate of Public Works, the Joint Program Effects Depot, PM, Future Combat Systems Combined Test Organization, the APG Commissary, the U.S. Army Audit Agency and the APG Garrison Public Affairs Office for exceeding both organization and APG Goals.

"We want to thank JPED for outstanding service to the APG CFC Office," said Nancy Sewell, CFC chairperson. "JPED collected hundreds of books and hosted special events [on behalf of this year's campaign]."

The grand prize raffle, which includes a glass globe ball, CD case, pen, pencils and CFC frame, will be drawn Dec. 15.

For more information or to make a contribution, contact a CFC key worker, visit the APG CFC Office in Top of the Bay, Down Under, building 30, or call 410-278-9913.

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